the above directions of the Commerce Ministry and the names of the beneficiaries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. Customs authorities had received REP Circular No. 24 / 89 dated 21.6.89 from the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports in the Ministry of Commerce.

(b) and (c) There has been no deviation from these directions. Wherever goods were sought to be cleared in contravention of these directions, the cases were adjudicated for violation of Import Trade Control prohibitions. Only at two Custom Houses, conditional release was permitted.

In *Cochin* there was an import cosignment of 50 units of fax machines in February, 1990. Since it was felt that these were office machines, not permissible as per para 177, the matter was referred to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports. Pending decision in the matter, the goods were released against an ITC bond supported by bank guarantee. The case is not under adjudication, for ITC infringement.

In *Madras,* five consignments of fax machines were sought to be cleared in terms of paras 177 and 215 of the Policy. Four of them were released, pending adjudication in compliance with the interim orders of Madras High Court, against bank guarantee, cash deposit and personal bond. All these cases have since been adjudicated for unauthorised imports. Goods were confiscated and redemption fine and personal penalty imposed.

Import of Non-OGL goods

1627. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently allowed import of Non-OGL capital goods namely computers and computer related products and photo-composing machines; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the prior clearance for such imports were taken from the Department of Electronics as required under para 41(2) of the new Import and Export Policy and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Import of Non-OGL computers and computer related products and photo-composing machines are allowed to Actual Users on the basis of recommendation of sponsoring authorities and clearance by the concerned committee in which a representation of Department of Electronics is a member.

Examination of proposal for revision of pay scale for certain posts in Department of Posts

1628. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is examining a proposal for the revision of pay scales of Inspectors and Assistant Superintendents in the Department of Posts as per recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for the merger of Inspectors of the Post Offices and Inspectors of Indian Railway Mail Services in a common cadre and their revision of pay scales is under examination and a decision is expected to be taken soon.

1629. [*Transferred to the 25th May, 1990*]

1630. [*Transferred to the 25th May, 1990*]

Improper functioning of ICPS

1631. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will